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City Wins Two Categories in 2016 Great American Cleanup – Gwinnett Challenge

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, June 29, 2016 – The results have just been announced – the City of Peachtree Corners has won two categories in Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful's annual Great American CleanUp Challenge; reducing litter and graffiti and for safeguarding our waterways.

The city teamed up with the <u>United Peachtree Corners Civic Association</u> (UPCCA) to win the "Keep ME Clean - Stop Litter and Graffiti" award. This spring 55 volunteers spent a Saturday morning collecting 1,260 pounds of trash at six location in the city.

And the city's <u>Green Committee</u>, took the "Protect ME - Safeguard our Waterways" category. Eight volunteers spent a spring day collected 10 bags of litter along a half-mile stretch of Crooked Creek, downstream from Jimmy Carter Boulevard.

"This is just another example of the pride and dedication our residents show in Peachtree Corners," said Mayor Mike Mason. "Our citizens have always stepped up to volunteer their time for the greater good of the community."

The annual Great American Cleanup – a Keep America Beautiful initiative – represents the nation's largest community improvement program. Over the course of 92 days, more than 7,500 participated in 193 Gwinnett community improvement projects. The winning group for each category was awarded a \$500 cash prize.

During the challenge, volunteers collected more than 4.1 million pounds of recyclables; cleaned and beautified 365 miles of roadway and removed 36,720 pounds of litter from roadsides. Read more results on the <u>Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful website</u>.

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